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**DWR on Schedule to Repair Critical Erosion Sites:  
Completion of Work Ahead of Flood Season Will Safeguard People and Property**

Sacramento -- the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) today announced completion of structural repairs to 12 critical levee sites in the Central Valley flood control system. Repairs to the remaining 17 original erosion sites are on schedule to be finished by November 1, ahead of this year's flood season.

"We have been moving at full speed since Governor Schwarzenegger signed a State of Emergency for California's levee system in February," said DWR Director Lester Snow. "It's unacceptable to not do everything possible to complete these repairs when so many people and property are at high risk."

Repairs to four erosion sites that were added to the project in August will also be completed by November 30.

Meanwhile, new tools have also been given to the Department of Water Resources to prevent a Katrina-like flood disaster in California.

"Governor Schwarzenegger's October 3 Executive Order (S-18-06) allows us to help cash-strapped agencies repair their critically eroded levees and other infrastructure without incurring undue long-term cost to the state," said Snow.

The executive order authorizes the Department of Water Resources to utilize funds from Assembly Bill 142 (Nunez/Perata). The bill appropriates \$500 million from the General Fund for flood control system evaluation, repair and improvement. The Army Corps of Engineers has 71 previously identified levee sites that it considers critical as we enter flood season.

Although these repairs are the federal government's responsibility, federal funding currently is not available. The Governor's executive order allows state funds from AB 142 to be advanced to the federal government for these repairs.

DWR has contracted with the Corps to fund work on some levee sites, and additional contracts are in the pipeline. As it has on other projects, the state will work closely with the federal government to expedite the issuance of federal permits from the Fish and Wildlife Service, NOAA Fisheries, and the Corps of Engineers to comply with federal environmental laws. Earlier this year, DWR and the U.S. Corps obtained more than 50 permits and approvals from state and federal agencies to repair critical erosion sites.

Up to \$50 million will be available for grants to local agencies throughout the state. With 50-50 cost-sharing, approximately \$100 million could be spent on flood infrastructure evaluations and repairs. DWR is developing guidelines and criteria for the award of grants to local agencies. Information on emergency levee repairs can be found online at <http://www.levees.water.ca.gov/>. A copy of the October 3, 2006 executive order can be found online at <http://gov.ca.gov/index.php?/press-release/4263/>.

**CRITICAL EROSION LEVEE SITES**  
**Repair Status (October 16, 2006)**

<b>Completed Sites</b>	
<b>County</b>	<b>Location</b>
Yolo	Cache Creek LM 0.8L
	Cache Creek LM 1.1L
	Cache Creek LM 2.4L
	Sacramento River RM 85.6
	Sacramento River RM 99.3R
Sacramento	Sacramento River RM 26.5L
	Sacramento River RM 32.5R
	Sacramento River RM 56.7L
Sutter	Bear River RM 2.4L
Yuba	Bear River RM 10.1L
Solano	Cache Slough RM 21.8R
Colusa	Sacramento River RM 145.9L
<b>Nearly Completed Sites</b>	

Sacramento	Sacramento River RM 20.8L
	Sacramento River RM 26.9L
	Sacramento River RM 49.6L
	Sacramento River RM 49.9L
	Sacramento River RM 50.2L
	Sacramento River RM 50.4L
Yolo	Sacramento River RM 56.8R
	Sacramento River RM 69.9R
	Sacramento River RM 34.5R
	Sacramento River RM 72.2R
Colusa	Sacramento River RM 130.8R
	Sacramento River RM 141.4R
	Sacramento River RM 154.5R
	Sacramento River RM 164.0R
Solano	Cache Slough RM 21.8R
Sutter	Sacramento River RM 123.5L
<b>Sites to be Completed November 30</b>	
Sacramento	Sacramento River LM 53.1
Yolo	Sacramento River RM 43.
	Sacramento River RM 56.1
Butte	Butte Creek RM 14.0

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The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water

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